

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the original specification with the enclosed substitute specification. A copy of the substitute specification, showing changes is also enclosed.

Please delete previous abstract and add the following new abstract:

The invention is directed to an epilator apparatus for the removal of hair. The epilator apparatus comprises a tape, which adheres to the hairs as the apparatus is moved relative to the skin. The motion of the apparatus relative to the skin feeds the tape into the plucking zone where the tape with the hairs adhered thereto is redirected perpendicular to the skin. This redirection results in the hairs being plucked from the skin as the epilator apparatus is advanced.